From: <u>Jade Dell</u>

To: Public Hearing;

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Subject: Wal Mart opening Banks

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Attachments:

Dear Mr. Gruenberg,

My biggest concern about Wal-Mart establishing banks is that there may result a loss of local community banks. This has happened in communities when Wal-Mart opens one of their huge big box stores. Many smaller stores owned by entrepeneurs cannot compete and then close. Those folks go to Wal-Mart to work, cannot make a living and then end up on Public Aid. It happens all the time.

A Wal-Mart bank would pose a serious threat to drive community banks out of business, like they have done to local grocery stores, drug stores, hardware stores, etc.

I know that the wage Wal-Mart pays each employee is fairly low, as that is how they keep their prices low. We need to pay people a living wage, not minimum wage so they can raise their children, provide decent housing and education.

Please don't let Wal-Mart get a monopoly on banks too.

Sincerely

Jade Dell